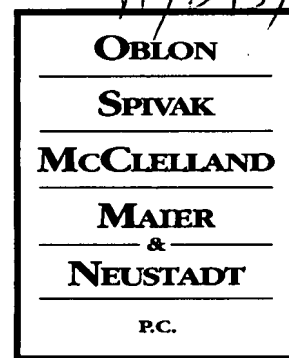




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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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**REPLY BRIEF**

**REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING**

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. The fee for the Request for Oral Hearing was previously submitted on December 4, 2006. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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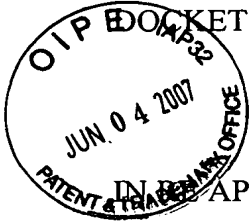
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In response to the Examiner's Answer of April 6, 2007, Applicants note that a Reply Brief and Request for Oral Hearing were already filed in this application on December 4, 2006, which were in reply to the Examiner's Answer of October 4, 2006. The new Examiner's Answer on April 6, 2007 appears to at least substantially, and apparently identically, correspond to the Examiner's Answer of October 4, 2006. Thereby, applicants believe the Reply Brief filed on December 4, 2006 addresses the newly issued Examiner's Answer of April 6, 2007.

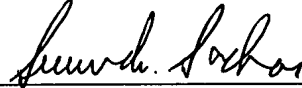
Applicants also note the Communication of March 13, 2007, indicated the Reply Brief filed December 4, 2006, was entered and made of record.

Moreover, a copy of the previously submitted Reply Brief and Request for Oral Hearing are again submitted herewith.

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